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# Rapid River News!

Bashkakodini-Giizis (Freezing Moon)  
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From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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## Wildlife Check Station

The Natural Resources Department is once again running the Wildlife Check Station at Big Blue in Eastlake. This is for both tribal and non-tribal hunters. It is open daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. If possible, call ahead and let them know you are coming. Just call 231.398.2180.

Be-Da/Bin and  
Education Talent Show.  
There's still time to get  
in on the Talent Show  
for our Elders tak-  
ing place on December  
5th. Please see the flyer  
below and join in the fun.

### Warriors Society updates:

Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660

December meeting in Muskegon. The December 5th meeting of the Warriors Society will be held at the Muskegon Tribal Center at 10 a.m.

Census Test scheduled. November 30, 2009, anyone wishing to take the Census Bureau's written exam may do so at the Michigan Works Office out by K-Mart in Manistee. Testing sessions have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30 and will be administered by Census Bureau staff. Office staff and field staff positions may be available. In order to qualify for a Census Bureau position, all candidates must first pass the Census Bureau written examination; be at least 18 years old or older and be a citizen of the United States and present proof of identity and employment eligibility. In the words of

the Census Bureau, "This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community!" Call Carol Gibner at 616.458.4558.

Anishinaabemowin at MAPS. Tribal Language instructor Kenny Pheasant will be starting a language class at Manistee High School on November 30th. He will be teaching one (1) class per day, each week; He was also planning on doing the class in memory of Bob Olsen the school superintendent who walked on unexpectedly. This will be a regular class offered at the high school, much like Spanish.



Casino Board Meeting. December 11th.

Open Session will be at 4pm in the  
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- Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open.

Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission	2 current openings	1 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Health Commission	1 current opening	1 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

## Cabin Fever Camp Scheduled

Youth Camp Cabin Fever Reliever...Come join in a day of fun activities on January 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Aki Community Center. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Holly Davis Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Community Health Representatives 231-398-6629

## United Tribes/Emergency Planning

At last weeks' United Tribes of Michigan meeting a resolution was unanimously passed to begin formulating an inter-tribal treaty to help each other in times of incident or disaster.

Traditional Healer scheduled: December 15th, J.D. Gibson, Traditional Healer will be in Manistee. To make an appointment, please contact Julie Wolfe at 231.398.6632.

### *(Kateri Circle)*

*"Mothers must protect the lives they have helped to bring into the world."*

*--Haida Gwaii, Traditional Circle of Elders*

*Every child is subject to the seeds each adult plants in his/her mind. If we plant praise and "you can do it", the child will grow up with certain predictable behavior patterns. If we plant ideas that there's something wrong with you or you're good for nothing, the child will grow up with predictable behavior patterns. We need to honor and respect the mothers who protect the children and plant positive seeds for their growth.*

*Great Spirit, bless each mother and give her courage and faith.*

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

## Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

## Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.  
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member  
while tax-exempt supply lasts.

**THE TRIBES ANNUAL QUOTA OF TAX-EXEMP  
CIGARETTES ARE ALMOST GONE.  
TAX-EXEMP CIGARETTES WILL NOT BE  
AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010.**



*Come and Join us  
for Our Monthly  
Peacemaking talking circle*

“Doing all things in a Good Way”



“Odenaang Enjinoojimoying”



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Talking Circle meeting scheduled!  
Aanii piish (where) ..... Justice Center.  
Wenesh pii (when)..... November 30th at 5:30



This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 11-2-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation  
DM - Divorce with children  
EB - Election Board Appeal  
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment  
GM - Guardianship of Minor  
JV - Juvenile  
NC - Name Change  
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support  
DO - Divorce w/o children  
EM - Emancipation of Minor  
GA - Gaming Appeal  
GR - Employment Matter  
LT - Landlord Tenant  
PF - Probate  
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket  
EA - Enrollment Appeal  
FJ - Foreign Judgment  
GC - General Civil  
JC - Judicial Complaint  
NA - Neglect Abuse  
PPO - Personal Protection Order  
WC - Workmen's Compensation



## Awaiting update to docket

## Per Cap update

The next Revenue Sharing Payment amounts are \$836.34 for citizens 18 to 54 and \$1672.69 to elders age 55 and older. They will be distributed by Tuesday, December 15th.

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Offices Closed for holiday. The government offices will be closed for the holiday weekend beginning Thursday the 25th and re-opening on Monday the 30th at normal hours.

Normal 24/7 services will be available.





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**NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE SOON**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we will have five new 3-bedroom homes available for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryers), attached garages and full basements.

These homes are available for low-income families. Rental payments will be 20% of the household's adjusted monthly income. To be considered "low income" your annual gross household income cannot exceed the amounts listed below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income	\$35,850	\$40,950	\$46,100	\$51,200	\$55,300	\$59,400

Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call Denise Lewis at the Housing Department at 231.398.6876 or Toll Free 1.888.723.8288.

Education announces Homework Assistance in Muskegon. The Education Department has announced a special program for tutoring at the Muskegon tribal office. Please see the announcement below as well as the next Currents.

- **Workforce Development.** At the end of the Rapid River News is a new "Job Resources Guide" for the 9 county area. For more information, contact your Commerce Department, Workforce Development 231.398.6842 or 888.723.8288 ext. 6842. Here is the directory as a .pdf file for you to use as well.
- **The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done.** If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.
- **Government Weather Closing Policy.** The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for the Muskegon Government Office and their school system.

Sing a beautiful song. Make elders laugh. Dance. Play a handdrum song. Lick your elbow. Perform a magic trick. Read a beautiful poem. Tell a hilarious story. Get your feet moving to the drumbeat. Juggle. Show your native style. Do an impression of a famous person. Yodel.

## **What's your Talent?**

Show LRB elders what amazing things you can do. If your between 6 and 18 years old, you could be a part of our talent show. Taking place Saturday, December 5, 2009.

## **When Can I Audition?**

Wednesday, October 28 from 4-5:30 p.m.

## **Where do We rehearse?**

Wednesday, October 28 thru December 2 at LRB Education Department (1762 US 31, Manistee)

## **Where do I get more information?**

Education ~ Deb Davis @ 231.398.6725

Or

Be-Da-Bin ~ Julie Wolfe @ 231.398.6632